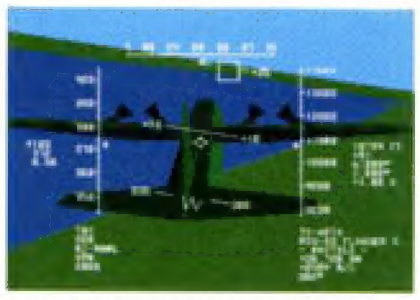
EA ARE SURPRISED – HOW COME BIRDS OF PREY'S ABOVE POPULOUS 2?

Birds Of Prey
(No 2)
Populous 2
(No 6)

EA are pleased at the success of *Birds Of Prey*, obviously, but at the same time rather puzzled. "The thing is, we know *Populous 2* is outselling *Birds Of Prey* in some places by a factor or two to one, and though that might not be the situation nationwide, the fact remains that *Populous* should be a lot higher," says Electronic Arts' Simon Jeffery. "It makes me



***Birds Of Prey* – performed well, but still not quite as well as...**

question the accuracy of the charts, to be honest – we're obviously pleased with the performace of *Birds*, that's been a big product for us – but *Populous 2* has been quite simply the biggest thing we've had in over a year. I'm actually quite disappointed with Amiga game players that they've made something like *WWF* the number one – there are obviously two distinct Amiga markets, the younger end who'll go for *WWF*

***...Populous 2*, which is actually outselling it nationwide (despite what Gallup might say).**

and the older people who'll buy *Populous 2* or *Birds*. I can't imagine many people would buy both sorts of prooduct!"

Indeed not. Going back to *Birds Of Prey*, we weren't sure how well it'd do on the Amiga.

"Why, because of the speed? Yes, that is a problem on the Amiga – the thing is the game isn't really so much a flight sim like *Falcon* or something as a strategy war game with 3D flight in it. The flying bits work much better on PCs – that can handle both the wargame side and the flying side better than the Amiga."

AMIGA POWER GALLUP CHARTS

AMIGA TOP 100

***** Exceptional **** Nearly there *** Very good ** Has its moments * Flawed - Dire

1 (1) WWF WRESTLEMANIA Ocean £25.99 **
2 (8) BIRDS OF PREY Electronic Arts £34.99 ****
3 (6) ROBOCOP 3 Ocean £25.99 ****
4 (5) JAMES POND 2 – ROBOCOD Millennium £25.99 ****
5 (10) NEW ZEALAND STORY Hit Squad £7.99 *****
6 (2) POPULOUS 2 Elèctronic Arts £29.99 *****
7 (7) LOTUS TURBO CHALLENGE 2 Gremlin Graphics £25.99 *****
8 (15) SCOOBY DOO AND SCRAPPY DOO Hi-Tec £7.99 *****
9 (NE) FIRST DIVISION MANAGER Code Masters £7.99 ***
10 (9) JIMMY WHITE'S WHIRLWIND SNOOKER Virgin £29.99 *****

11 (11) BUBBLE BOBBLE Hit Squad £7.99 ****
12 (13) LOMBARD RAC RALLY Hit Squad £7.99 ***
13 (12) LEANDER Psygnosis £25.99 ****
14 (37) MICROPROSE GOLF MicroProse £29.99 ****
15 (NE) ANOTHER WORLD Delphine/US Gold £25.99 *****
16 (4) HEIMDALL Core Design £34.99 ****
17 (57) ROBOCOP Hit Squad £7.99 ****
18 (97) INTERNATIONAL NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £7.99 ***
19 (25) WACKY RACES Hi-Tec £7.99 **
20 (73) WORLD CRICKET Zeppelin £7.99 ***
21 (20) BATMAN THE MOVIE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
22 (39) MANCHESTER UNITED EUROPE Krisalis £25.99*****
23 (21) RETURN TO EUROPE Anco £7.99 **
24 (NE) RICK DANGEROUS Kixx £7.99 **
25 (30) FANTASY WORLD DIZZY Code Masters £6.99 ****
26 (26) DIZZY COLLECTION Code Masters £24.99 ****
27 (34) DOUBLE DRAGON 2 Tronix £9.99 ***
28 (22) TERMINATOR 2 Ocean £25.99 **
29 (23) CHASE HQ Hit Squad £7.99 *
30 (19) FIRST SAMURAI Image Works £29.99 *****
31 (17) ALIEN BREED Team 17 £24.99 ***
32 (96) THE GODFATHER US Gold £30.99 ***
33 (NE) NINJA COLLECTION Ocean £19.99 *
34 (29) PGA TOUR GOLF Electronic Arts £25.99 *****
35 (31) ALTERED BEAST Hit Squad £7.99 **
36 (33) HEAD OVER HEELS Hit Squad £7.99 *****
37 (NE) FOOTBALL CRAZY CHALLENGE Anco £25.99 **
38 (16) SHADOW OF THE BEAST Sizzlers £7.99 **
39 (41) BATTLE ISLE Ubi Soft £30.99 ****
40 (46) SOCCER STARS COMPILATION Empire £25.99 ***
41 (47) KNIGHTMARE Mindscape £30.99 ***
42 (27) DRAGON NINJA Hit Squad £7.99 *
43 (44) PRO BOXING Code Masters £7.99 *
44 (63) X-OUT Kixx £7.99 **
45 (23) TURRICAN Kixx £7.99 ***
46 (NE) 4 WHEEL DRIVE COMPILATION Gremlin Graphics £29.99 ***
47 (NE) BOARD GENIUS Beau Jolly £29.99 ****
48 (74) FUN SCHOOL 4 (5-7) Europress £24.99**
49 (14) OH NO! MORE LEMMINGS (DATA DISK) Psygnosis £19.99 ***
50 (50) POPULOUS Star Performers £10.99 ****
51 (38) FUN SCHOOL 4 (7-11) Europress £24.99**
52 (33) NINJA RABBITS Micro Value £7.99 **
53 (78) RENEGADE Hit Squad £7.99 ***
54 (NE) SECONDS OUT Pocket Power £2.99 **
55 (3) THE SIMPSONS Ocean £25.99 ***
56 (52) TIP OFF Anco £25.99 **
57 (NE) STUNT CAR RACER Kixx £7.99 ****
58 (NE) GHOULS'N'GHOSTS Kixx £7.99 ***
59 (36) MONKEY ISLAND US Gold £25.99 *****
60 (54) CRUISE FOR A CORPSE US Gold £25.99 ****
61 (24) MEGA LO MANIA Image Works £29.99 *****
62 (NE) ICE HOCKEY Pocket Power £2.99 **
63 (NE) ULTIMATE GOLF GBH £7.99 **
64 (56) MOONSTONE Mindscape £29.99 ***
65 (NE) POWERMONGER DATA DISK Electronic Arts £14.99 **
66 (RE) LINE OF FIRE US Gold £24.99 **
67 (49) FULL CONTACT Team 17 £9.99 ***
68 (81) SILENT SERVICE 2 MicroProse £34.99 ***
69 (45) TURRICAN Kixx £7.99 **
70 (RE) CALIFORNIA GAMES Kixx £7.99 **
71 (18) TV SPORTS FOOTBALL Mirror Image £9.99 **
72 (NE) NINJA WARRIORS Tronix £7.99 ***
73 (28) FINAL FIGHT US Gold £25.99 ****
74 (NE) EUROPEAN SUPERLEAGUE CDS £24.99 **
75 (66) KNIGHTS OF THE SKY MicroProse £34.99 *****
76 (61) F-p15 STRIKE EAGLE II MicroProse £34.99 ****
77 (48) PITFIGHTER Domark £25.99 **
78 (62) REALMS Virgin £29.99 *****
79 (NE) HIGHWAY PATROL 2 Pocket Power £2.99 *
80 (NE) WOLFCHILD Core Design £25.99 ***
81 (64) LEMMINGS Psygnosis £24.99 ****
82 (NE) KARTING GRAND PRIX Pocket Power £2.99 *
83 (NE) FOOTBALL MANAGER Pocket Power £2.99 *
84 (79) EYE OF THE BEHOLDER US Gold £30.99 *****
85 (53) RUGBY THE WORLD CUP Domark £25.99 **
86 (55) POWER DRIFT Hit Squad £7.99 ***
87 (76) CABAL Hit Squad £7.99 ****
88 (87) THUNDERHAWK Core Design £30.99 ****
89 (70) THE RAINBOW COLLECTION Ocean £19.99 *****
90 (NE) SUPER SKI Pocket Power £2.99 **
91 (NE) CELTIC LEGENDS Ubi Soft £30.99 *****
92 (NE) FROST BYTE Pocket Power £2.99 ***
93 (65) MAGIC POCKETS Renegade £25.99 **
94 (77) WORLD CLASS LEADERBOARD Kixx £7.99 ****
95 (NE) RED HEAT Hit Squad £7.99 *
96 (NE) DOUBLE DRAGON 3 Storm £25.99 *
97 (88) SUPER SPACE INVADERS Domark £25.99 **
98 (82) NORTH AND SOUTH Action Sixteen £7.99 ***
99 (83) SMASH TV Ocean £25.99 ***
100 (NE) AIR LAND SEA Electronic Arts £34.99 ***

We figure you must have some idea how the charts work by now, so briefly: they're put together by Gallup, they mix budgies and full pricers together, games are rated in stars, and they're © ELSPA.

ZEPPELIN'S CRICKET EPIC SCORES A FOUR

World Cricket
(No 20)

Zeppelin are obviously "very pleased" with their *World Cricket*. As their Head of Development, Gareth Briggs, told us "*World Soccer* did very well for us, and we hoped *World Cricket* – with the same control system – would do the same. We've got plans to continue the series with other popular sports, but we'd like to keep what they are under wraps at moment. With *Cricket*, the Spectrum version, which we released in October, went straight to No 1 in that chart, so we had high hopes for the Amiga. We haven't ruled out a *World Cricket 2*, you know!" Or, as he says, any other games. We await the release of *World Synchronised Swimming* with bated breath...

WE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO 1 IF IT WASN'T FOR YOU MEDDLING KIDS...

Scooby Doo And Scrappy Doo
(No 8)

You meddling kids who foolishly went and bought *WWF*, that is. When we called Hi-Tec's Sales Manager Terry Jeffries he had this

***Scooby And Scrappy* – could quite easily have been released at full price! (Lucky escape, eh viewers?)**

to say about the continuing rise of the game we called 'The best original budget game ever':
"I think the reason *Scooby And Scrappy* is doing so well is mainly because of the game's content – it really is massive. It's reversed the usual budget game trend of a high entry followed by a fairly speedy tailing-off – having come in fairly low and steadily climbed up over several months – and I think it's going to hang around for a long time to come. We had actually thought of releasing the game at full price, and I believe it would definitely have done just as well at the higher point. Indeed, our next cartoon conversion, *The Jetsons*, is out on our new Premium label at a £12.99 price point, and it's already gone straight in at No 23 in this week's Gallup full-price chart." ●